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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE OFF COAST OF JAVA

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11. (U) On September 2 at 2:55 p.m. local time, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck western Java, Indonesia. The earthquake was centered off the southern coast of Java, approximately 125 miles south of Jakarta, but could be felt throughout the capital. Jakarta citizens rushed out of their office buildings after feeling the initial quake, and the Embassy in Jakarta was evacuated until the earthquake had ended. There are reports that some tall buildings in Jakarta suffered some structural damage. Contacts have reported that there was minor damage to infrastructure, mostly private homes, in the city of Bandung, the capitol of West Java Province. Several houses collapsed, including the mayor's house, in Tasikmalaya, the city closest to the epicenter on the southern coast of Java. We're receiving media reports of a small number of casualties, 6 people killed at the time of this report, in Tasikmalaya. Phone lines were damaged in that region as well.

12. (SBU) Contacts at the Presidential Palace told us the earthquake caused minor damage in parts of Western Java, but they did not yet have any reports of serious damage. The GOI has not made any request for assistance. A tsunami alert was issued for the island of Java, but the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center had retracted the alert given low sea levels.

13. (U) Mission is working to account for American citizens who may have been affected by the earthquake. American Citizens Services has not received any reports of injuries or casualties. The Regional Security Office has accounted for all Mission personnel. Embassy facilities and housing appear not to have been damaged though inspections are ongoing.  
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